

**In the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing bets, comprising:  
receiving ~~a plurality of bets one or more~~ bets, each bet comprising:  
a selection of a first number of events selected from a group of events;  
a selection of a respective participant for each of the first number of events selected; and  
a bet amount;  
wherein at least one selected event of a first bet of the plurality of bets comprises a different event from at least one selected event of a second bet of the plurality of bets;  
combining each bet amount to form a betting pool; and  
determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for each event of the group of events; and  
determining one or more winning bets of the ~~plurality of bets one or more~~ bets based on the results.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein determining one or more winning bets comprises determining for each of the ~~plurality of bets one or more~~ bets if each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein a bet of the plurality of bets one or more bets comprises a winning bet if:  
each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; or  
at least some of the selected respective participants correspond to a winning participant for each of the first number of events selected and the bet of the plurality of bets one or more bets includes a winning participant of a specified event.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein a bet of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ comprises a winning bet if:

each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; or

at least some of the selected respective participants correspond to a winning participant for each of the first number of events selected and the bet amount is at least as high as a specified amount.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein a bet of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ comprises a winning bet if:

each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; or

at least some of the selected respective participants correspond to a winning participant for each of the first number of events selected and the selected respective participants of the bet comprise participants having specified odds.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising determining an amount to be paid for each winning bet based on the number of winning bets and the amount of the total payout.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein determining an amount to be paid for each winning bet is further based on the bet amount of each winning bet.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein determining an amount to be paid for each winning bet is further based on the odds of the selected respective participants of each winning bet.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 7, further comprising increasing a payout for a first winning bet of the one or more winning bets if the first winning bet's selected respective participants for each of the first number of events selected each had specified odds.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 7, further comprising increasing a payout for a first winning bet of the one or more winning bets if at least one of the first winning bet's selected events comprises a specified event.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool comprises applying a commission rate to the betting pool.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool comprises adding to the betting pool a carryover amount from a previous betting pool.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for each event of the group of events;  
determining whether there are any winning bets by determining for each of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ if each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; and  
determining a carryover amount to carry over to a future total payout if there are no winning bets.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
canceling at least one event of the group of events;  
receiving results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for at least one event of the group of events; and  
determining one or more winning bets by determining for each of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ if at least one of the selected respective participants corresponds to the winning participant for at least one of the first number of events selected in the bet.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first number of events comprise horse racing events held at different tracks.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first number of events comprise events held on different days.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first number of events comprise one or more horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic or other sporting events.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first number of events comprise at least one horse racing event and at least one football event.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first number of events comprise at least one football event and at least one basketball event.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first number of events comprise:

a first event comprising a horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic, political or entertainment event; and

a second event comprising a horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic, political or entertainment event; and

wherein the first event and the second event comprise different types of events.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising stipulating an adjustment parameter that provides a bonus to the plurality of bets ~~one or more bets~~ upon satisfaction of the adjustment parameter.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for managing bets, comprising:  
a memory operable to store ~~a plurality of bets one or more bets~~, each bet comprising:  
a selection of a first number of events selected from a group of events;  
a selection of a respective participant for each of the first number of events selected; and  
a bet amount;  
wherein at least one selected event of a first bet of the plurality of bets comprises a different event from at least one selected event of a second bet of the plurality of bets; and  
a processor coupled to the memory, the processor operable to:  
combine each bet amount to form a betting pool; and  
determine an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 23, wherein the processor is further operable to:  
receive results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for each event of the group of events; and  
determine one or more winning bets of the ~~plurality of bets one or more bets~~ based on the results.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 24, wherein a processor operable to determine one or more winning bets comprises a processor operable to determine for each of the ~~plurality of bets one or more bets~~ if each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 24, wherein a bet of the plurality of bets one or more bets comprises a winning bet if:  
each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; or  
at least some of the selected respective participants correspond to a winning participant for each of the first number of events selected and the bet of the plurality of bets one or more bets includes a winning participant of a specified event.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 24, wherein a bet of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ comprises a winning bet if:

each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; or

at least some of the selected respective participants correspond to a winning participant for each of the first number of events selected and the bet amount is at least as high as a specified amount.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 24, wherein a bet of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ comprises a winning bet if:

each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; or

at least some of the selected respective participants correspond to a winning participant for each of the first number of events selected and the selected respective participants of the bet comprise participants having specified odds.

29. (Original) The system of Claim 24, wherein the processor is further operable to determine an amount to be paid for each winning bet based on the number of winning bets and the amount of the total payout.

30. (Original) The system of Claim 29, wherein the processor is operable to determine an amount to be paid for each winning bet further based on the bet amount of each winning bet.

31. (Original) The system of Claim 29, wherein the processor is operable to determine an amount to be paid for each winning bet further based on the odds of the selected respective participants of each winning bet.

32. (Original) The system of Claim 29, wherein the processor is operable to increase a payout for a first winning bet of the one or more winning bets if the first winning bet's selected respective participants for each of the first number of events selected each had specified odds.

33. (Original) The system of Claim 29, wherein the processor is operable to increase a payout for a first winning bet of the one or more winning bets if at least one of the first winning bet's selected events comprises a specified event.

34. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein a processor operable to determine an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool comprises a processor operable to apply a commission rate to the betting pool.

35. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein a processor operable to determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool comprises a processor operable to add to the betting pool a carryover amount from a previous betting pool.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23, wherein the processor is further operable to:

receive results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for each event of the group of events;

determine whether there are any winning bets by determining for each of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ if each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet; and

determine a carryover amount to carry over to a future total payout if there are no winning bets.

37. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 23, wherein the processor is further operable to:

cancel at least one event of the group of events;

receive results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for at least one event of the group of events; and

determine one or more winning bets by determining for each of the plurality of bets~~one or more bets~~ if at least one of the selected respective participants corresponds to the winning participant for at least one of the first number of events selected in the bet.

38. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first number of events comprise horse racing events held at different tracks.

39. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first number of events comprise events held on different days.

40. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first number of events comprise one or more horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic or other sporting events.

41. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first number of events comprise at least one horse racing event and at least one football event.

42. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first number of events comprise at least one football event and at least one basketball event.

43. (Original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the first number of events comprise:

a first event comprising a horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic, political or entertainment event; and

a second event comprising a horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic, political or entertainment event; and

wherein the first event and the second event comprise different types of events.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 23, wherein the processor is operable to communicate an adjustment parameter that provides a bonus to the plurality of bets ~~one or more bets~~ upon satisfaction of the adjustment parameter.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for managing bets, comprising:  
receiving a plurality of bets, each bet comprising:

a selection of a first number of events selected from a group of events;

a selection of a respective participant for each of the first number of events selected; and

a bet amount;

wherein at least one selected event of a first bet of the plurality of bets comprises a different event from at least one selected event of a second bet of the plurality of bets;

combining each bet amount to form a betting pool;

determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool;  
pool.

receiving results of the group of events, the results identifying a winning participant for each event of the group of events;

determining one or more winning bets of the plurality of bets by determining for each of the plurality of bets if each selected respective participant corresponds to the winning participant for each of the first number of events selected in the bet;

determining an amount to be paid for a winning bet of the one or more winning bets based on the number of winning bets, the amount of the total payout and the bet amount of the winning bet of the one or more winning bets.

46. (Original) The method of Claim 45, further comprising paying a bonus from the amount of the total payout if the winning bet of the one or more winning bets comprises a winning participant of a specified event.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 45, further comprising paying a bonus from the amount of the total payout if at least some of the selected respective participants for each of the first number of events selected of the winning bet of the one or more winning bets had specified odds.

48. (Original) The method of Claim 45, further comprising applying a commission rate to the betting pool.

49. (Original) The method of Claim 45, wherein the first number of events comprise horse racing events held at different tracks.

50. (Original) The method of Claim 45, wherein the first number of events comprise at least one football event and at least one of the following types of events: horse racing, dog racing, basketball, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic or other sporting events.

51. (Original) The method of Claim 45, wherein the first number of events comprise:

a first event comprising a horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic, political or entertainment event; and

a second event comprising a horse racing, dog racing, basketball, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, jai-alai, golf, boxing, rugby, cricket, auto racing, bicycle racing, tennis, Olympic, political or entertainment event; wherein the first event and the second event are different types of events.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 45, further comprising stipulating an adjustment parameter that provides a bonus to the plurality of bets ~~one or more bets~~ upon satisfaction of the adjustment parameter.

53. (Currently Amended) A method for managing bets, comprising:  
~~receiving a plurality of bets one or more bets~~, each bet comprising:  
    a selection of a first number of events selected from a group of events;  
    a selection of a respective participant for each of the first number of events selected; and  
    a bet amount;  
wherein at least one selected event of a first bet of the plurality of bets comprises a different event from at least one selected event of a second bet of the plurality of bets;  
    combining each bet amount to form a betting pool;  
    determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool;  
    receiving results of the group of events; and  
    determining one or more winning bets of the ~~plurality of bets one or more bets~~ based on the results.

Please add the following claims:

54. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one selected event of the first bet comprising a different event from the at least one selected event of the second bet comprises a different type of event from the at least one selected event of the second bet.

55. (New) The system of Claim 23, wherein the at least one selected event of the first bet comprising a different event from the at least one selected event of the second bet comprises a different type of event from the at least one selected event of the second bet.

56. (New) A method for managing bets, comprising:  
receiving a first bet comprising:

a first selected number of events, the first selected number of events comprising at least a first event;

a selection of a respective participant for each of the first selected number of events; and

a first bet amount;

receiving a second bet comprising:

a second selected number of events, the second selected number of events comprising at least a second event different from the first event;

a selection of a respective participant for each of the second selected number of events; and

a second bet amount;

combining the first bet amount and the second bet amount to form a betting pool; and determining an amount of a total payout based at least in part on the betting pool.

57. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the second event different from the first event comprises an event of a different type than the first event.

58. (New) The method of Claim 56, wherein the first selected number of events comprises a different number of events than the second selected number of events.